GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
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INTERNET TELEPHONY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the software industry association has urged the Government to allow Internet Telephony in the Country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a)&(b): Internet Service Providers Association have requested the Government to consider allowing Internet Telephony.

(c): As per the New Telecom Policy 1999, Internet Telephony shall not be permitted at this stage. However, Government will continue to monitor the technological innovations and their impact on national development and review this issue at an appropriate time.